



Memorandum

TO: PARKS AND RECREATION
COMMISSION

FROM: Jason Condit

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: 11-05-14

Approved

Date

Council District: 03
SNI: N/A

**SUBJECT: NAMING OF THE DON JOHNSON TENNIS COURTS AT BACKESTON
PARK**

RECOMMENDATION

Approval of the name “The Don Johnson Tennis Courts at Backesto Park” for the tennis courts located within Backesto Park, San Jose.

BACKGROUND

There are a total of 8 tennis courts located at Backesto Park. It is one of the oldest public tennis facilities in the City of San Jose. They are heavily used by tennis players of all ages through out the year.

ANALYSIS

Coach Don Johnson, July 27, 1941-May 11, 2014

Below is an article by the United States Tennis Association (USTA) Northern California Celebrating Black History Month which briefly summarizes Don’s community service to San Jose.

Don Johnson is considered by many a local Northern California tennis legend. Through his hard work and dedication to the game and to his "children". For the last 35 years, Don Johnson has shared his love of tennis with children who otherwise would not have access to the sport.

The road to tennis for this trailblazer was not easy. A New Yorker by origin, he grew up in the

impoverished inner city are of 1940's Brooklyn. He witnessed first hand that life could be hard, if not cruel. Watching his father die of a drug overdose was a testament to that reality.

His only haven became tennis. When Don was 12 years old, he met coach Phil Rubel at Lincoln Terrace Park. Coach Rubel took him under his wing and showed Don that there was another path he could travel. Don recalls, "When I first met tennis, there was a structure there that was white. It was clean and I immediately wanted to dress like those guys that wore the clothes, the white stuff...I wanted to be like them."

Don quickly rose up the ranks and played professional tennis from 1969 to 1972. He was also the first African-American tennis coach at an East Coast college, the Pratt Institute. This gave him the opportunity to meet his mentor and friend, Arthur Ashe. Don worked as coach and personal assistant to Arthur Ashe from 1970 to 1977. It was during this time that he helped set up the city's first national junior tennis league program (NJTL).

When Don and his family moved to San Jose in the mid-70s, he brought with him the NJTL concept. Don estimates that he has taught thousands in the past 30 years through the various tennis programs he runs in San Jose. He is proud of bringing tennis programs to the inner city and being a mentor to junior tennis programs. He is especially proud because through tennis he has been able to teach other important life skills such as professionalism, respect for self and others, hard work, discipline, manners, politeness and proper dress code.

One secret to his success is that he makes tennis affordable. He receives funding from sponsorships, donations, and grants. Another key to his success is that he dedicates an enormous amount of time to his "children" as he likes to call them. He becomes not only their mentor, but their friend. Johnson believes that teaching tennis allows him to instill values necessary for success, such as the importance of education, sportsmanship, professionalism, respect for others, hard work and discipline.

Don's hard work has not gone unnoticed. In 2003 he was inducted into the African-American Ethnic Sports Hall of Fame. In 2004 he was inducted into the United States Tennis Association Northern California Tennis Hall of Fame. In 2006 was presented the Jefferson Award for Public Service. Also in 2006, a documentary titled, "From Brooklyn to the Hall of Fame: The Don Johnson Story" was produced by Venkat Narayanan.

Darrel Cortez has submitted a nomination of "The Don Johnson Tennis Courts at Backesto Park" which are located in Backesto Park. PRNS has confirmed this nomination conforms to the City Policy.

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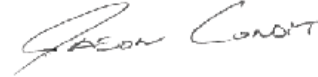
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- recognizes individuals who have made a significant contribution to the local, national or global community;
- recognizes distinct geographic, environmental or developmental features, or names of historical significance; and
- recognizes individuals for their service to the community.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason Condit".

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Project Manager



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SUBJECT: NAMING OF THE NEW PARK IRIS CHANG MEMORIAL PARK

RECOMMENDATION

Approval of the name “Iris Chang Memorial Park” for the new city park located at River Oaks Parkway and Seely Avenue, San Jose.

BACKGROUND

The City will be acquiring an approximate 5.04-acre acre park site as part of the dedication process through the Parkland Dedication Ordinance (PDO). To fulfill its PDO obligation for Tentative Map File No. PT07-004 The Irvine Company LLC (“Developer”) to oversee dedication and improvement of a neighborhood park on a portion of their housing project site covered under the Tentative Map.

The Irvine Company LLC (the "Developer") received development approvals under Tentative MapPT07-004 and Planned Development Permit PD07-006 ("PD Permit") for a mixed-use project located at the southeasterly comer of River Oaks Parkway and Zanker Road. The PD Permit approved up to 1,900 residential units, a maximum 15,000 square feet of commercial space and an approximate 5.04-acre park on a total 38.7 gross acre site, within the North San Jose Area Development Policy area (the "Project").

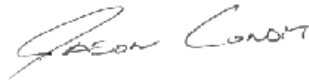
The following park improvements will be constructed on the 5.04 acre park site: two (2) tennis courts, one (1) half basketball court, children's play lot, one (1) restroom building, drinking fountains, trash receptacles, bio-swale and bridges, benches, open turf areas, lighting, walkways, signage, and other landscaping and amenities. All of the park improvements will be designed and constructed in accordance with standard City specifications.

ANALYSIS

Ying Ying and Shau-Jin Chang have submitted a nomination of “Iris Chang Memorial Park” which is located at River Oaks Parkway and Seely Avenue. The Attachment describes the reasons for naming the new park Iris Chang Memorial Park and Names of Supporters. PRNS has confirmed this nomination conforms to the City Policy.

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Attachment:
Iris Chang Support Letter
Names of Supporters

Attachments

Iris Chang Support Letter

My husband Shau-Jin and I are residents at Parkside Townhome for over 11 years since 2003. We moved to California from Illinois after we retired from University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Illinois to be close to our daughter, **Iris Chang** who was living at Parkside. Unfortunately, Iris died in 2004. After her death, her husband and son continued living in Parkside till 2007.

We were informed that behind the Epic Apartment (Corner of River Oaks Parkway and Seely Ave.) there will be a new public park (Essex Park.) Herein we propose a name of the new public park as "**Iris Chang Memorial Park.**"

Iris Chang (1968-2004) was a Chinese American writer, historian and human right activist. She had published three books in her short yet brilliant writing career. Her international bestselling book, ***The Rape of Nanking: The Forgotten Holocaust of World War II***, was published in 1997 and became a New York Times bestseller for several months and was translated into several languages. Chang was featured by countless radio, television and print media and had been courageously speaking out and fighting for justice on behalf of those voiceless victims who perished in the WWII in Asia. However, Chang was an all-around human-rights champion. She was not just passionate for atrocities happened in Asia during the WWII; she was deeply concerned of all human-rights issues at home and abroad. She had profound feeling for those victimized by racial prejudice and hatred shown in American history and elsewhere in the world. In an interview, Chang said, "...it is important for me to write about issues that have universal significance. One of them that has resonated with me all my life has been the theme of injustice....for some reason, I seem to be bothered whenever I see acts of injustice and assaults on other people's civil liberties."

Iris Chang's many accolades include the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation's Program on Peace and International Cooperation Award, the Woman of the Year award from the Organization of Chinese Americans, and two honorary doctorates (the College of Wooster in Ohio, and California State University at East Bay). Chang has written for numerous publications, such as the New York Times, Newsweek and the Los Angeles Times, and has been featured by media such as Nightline, the Jim Lehrer News Hour, Charlie Rose, Good Morning America, C-Span's Booknotes, and the front cover of Reader's Digest. Chang also lectures frequently before business, university and other groups interested in human rights, World War II history, Cold War history, the Asian American experience, Sino-American relations, and the future of American civil liberties.

For those people who are interested in Iris Chang's life, Dr. Ying-Ying Chang had written a memoir entitled "**The Woman Who Could Not Forget: Iris Chang Before and Beyond The Rape of Nanking**" published in 2011 (http://www.amazon.com/The-Woman-Who-Could-Forget/dp/1605981729/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1338628799&sr=1-1). More information of Iris Chang can be found at www.irischang.net and www.yy.irischang.net

Considering the fact that Iris Chang had been a resident of Parkside in North San Jose before and living close to the future park, and considering the fact that Parkside and Parkside nearby communities consist of multi-racial and multi-cultural high-tech populations, we strongly recommend the name of the new park as **Iris Chang Memorial Park.**

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Names of Supporters

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Names of Supporters for the Petition

<u>Name</u>	<u>Home Address</u>	<u>Email Address</u>
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Names of Supporters Continued

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**SUBJECT: NAMING OF THE NEW PARK WITHIN THE MONTECITO VISTA
URBAN VILLAGE**

RECOMMENDATION

Approval of the name “Montevista Park”, “Richardson Park” or another suitable name for the park site within the Montecito Vista Urban Village, located at 80 Montecito Vista Drive in San Jose.

BACKGROUND

The City will be acquiring an approximate 2.0-acre acre park site as part of the dedication process through the Parkland Dedication Ordinance (PDO). To fulfill its PDO obligation for Tentative Map No. PT13-035 Montecito (formerly ROEM Development Corporation) (“Developer”) to oversee dedication and improvement of a neighborhood park on a portion of their housing project site covered under the Tentative Map. This residential project is subject to either the requirements of the City’s Park Impact Ordinance (Chapter 14.25 of Title 14 of the San Jose Municipal Code) or the Parkland Dedication Ordinance (Chapter 19.38 of Title 19 of the San Jose Municipal Code) for the dedication of land and/or payment of fees in-lieu of dedication of land for public park and/or recreational purposes.

Tentative Map Number PT05-113 and Final Tract Map Number 9831 authorize Montecito to construct 721 multifamily units and 117 single-family attached units on a 29.5 gross-acre site located on the southwesterly corner of Goble Lane and Monterey Road ("Project"). Chapter 19.38 of the San Jose Municipal Code (Parkland Dedication Ordinance) requires residential developers to dedicate land for neighborhood and community parks, construct park or recreational improvements, or pay a parkland fee in lieu of dedication or construction to help

meet the demand for neighborhood and community parkland generated by the development of new residential subdivisions ("Parkland Dedication Obligation").

In February 2007, the City entered into a Parkland Agreement ("Original Parkland Agreement") with ROEM requiring ROEM to construct park improvements and dedicate an approximately two-acre neighborhood park site (APN 455-09-061) to the City to satisfy their Parkland Dedication Obligation (PDO) for the Project. The proposed park elements consist of: a basketball court, volleyball courts, two (2) children's play lots, barbeque areas, picnic tables, stoves, trash receptacles, game table areas, an art monument, site furnishings and landscaping. The proposed park was to be constructed by February 27, 2012 under the terms of the Original Parkland Agreement.

On February 9, 2010, Council approved a strategy to delay construction of new parks until maintenance funding could be identified which included the turnkey park to be constructed by ROEM under the Original Parkland Agreement. Park construction schedules were to be extended to at least 2011-2012 or beyond.

Following Council action in May of 2010, the City approved the first amendment to the Original Parkland Agreement. This amendment allowed the developer to defer completion of the park until February 27, 2015.

In November of 2011, the City of San Jose Department of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services (PRNS), consented to the assignment and assumption of the Parkland Agreements from ROEM to Montecito.

At the time of the initial approval of the Original Parkland Agreement in 2007, it was anticipated that 838 residential units and 69,051 square feet of private recreation facilities would be constructed. The actual unit count constructed is now anticipated to be 575 and the private recreation credit area will be 0 square feet.

ANALYSIS

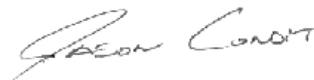
The development of the Montecito Vista Project during a period of severe economic downturn has resulted in ownership changes and a large scale deviation from the originally anticipated development timelines, unit counts and private recreation amenities. In addition, due to internal dynamics between the developer and landowners, the project has progressed in a phased manner for which the Original Parkland Agreement was not well suited. These conditions have led to piecemeal construction of the project site, with unit types and quantities that bear little resemblance to the development originally proposed.

The second amendment to the Original Parkland Agreement with Montecito will satisfy Montecito's parkland obligation through the construction of a 2.0 acre turnkey park.

Doug Buzbee has submitted a nomination of “Montevista Park”. The park is located within the Montecito Vista Urban Village. PRNS has confirmed this nomination conforms to the City Policy. Additionally, back in 2008 members of the existing “Chateau La Salle” community adjacent to the new development submitted a number of applications to name the park “Richardson Park”. According to their submittals, the Richardson’s owned a restaurant at the location called “Coffee Cup Café”. One of these submittals is attached to this memo for the consideration of the commission. Additionally, staff has reached out to the member of the community who spearheaded this request to make them aware of the November Parks and Recreation Commission meeting and determine if there is still interest in this name for the park. They have responded that they are still interested and plan on attending the PRC meeting to indicate their support.

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Attachments:

1. 2008-03-25 Richardson Park Nomination

Ms Carolyn Straub

March 21, 2008

Matt,

Enclosed is
another naming form
for Richardson
Park from
the Markie-
Richardson family.

Thanks,
Carolyn
Straub

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CITY OF SAN JOSÉ

Naming of City-Owned Facilities

NOMINATION FORM

Person Submitting Nomination: Joseph Stogner

Address: 775 Old Tunnel Rd APT 103 Daytime Phone: 530-273-8731
Grass Valley, CA 95945, former San Jose resident

Name Proposed for Facility: RICHARDSON PARK

Location of Facility: Park next to Chateau LaSalle 2681
(Include street address, cross street) Monterey Rd.

Nature of Facility to be Named: (Describe use, clientele and any special geographic or historic characteristics)

city 2-acre proposed public park

Is this site/structure of potential historic significance? Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, please submit parcel number and a summary of bibliographical resources.

n/a

Appropriateness of Name to Facility: (Briefly characterize the nominated individual, group, event or feature. Describe why naming would be appropriate. If the facility is proposed to be named after an individual, attach no more than one page outlining a brief biography and significant contributions to the community.)

Give your reason for name here:
I worked at the Coffee Cup Cafe down there for many years
and everybody that wanted directions in that day would refer to
that area as Richardsons Coffee Cup Cafe on 101

Submit Nomination to: City Clerk, San José City Hall, 200 E. Santa Clara Street, San José, CA 95113

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Referred to the following Commission or Committee:

Airport ☐ Arts ☐ Child Care ☐ Disability Advisory ☐ Historic Landmarks ☐
Library ☐ Parking Advisory ☐ Parks & Recreation ☐ Senior Citizens ☐ Youth ☐
Other _____



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SUBJECT: NAMING OF THE NEW PARK ORCHARD PARK

RECOMMENDATION

Approval of the name “Orchard Park” for the park site located at 1633 Oakland Road (cross street East Brokaw Road) in San Jose.

BACKGROUND

The City will be acquiring an approximate 1.0-acre acre park site as part of the dedication process through the Parkland Dedication Ordinance (PDO). To fulfill its PDO obligation for Tentative Map File No. PT12-044 TNHC-HW (“Developer”) to oversee dedication and improvement of a neighborhood park on a portion of their housing project site covered under the Tentative Map.

The city approved a Tentative Map File No. PT12-044 for a subdivision consisting of 107 single-family attached and 132 multi-family attached residential units on 15.94 gross-acre site located at 1633 Old Oakland Road in the City of San Jose. In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 19.38 of the San Jose Municipal Code (“Code”), the Tentative Map Permit contains a condition requiring the payment of fees and/or the dedication of land for park purposes (“Parkland Dedication Obligation”).

On December 20, 2013, the TNHC-HW paid the City \$1,295,594 of in-lieu PDO fees and provided an irrevocable offer of dedication for the one-acre park site to satisfy the PDO obligations for approval of the Final Map (Tract No. 10204) for the project. This approach facilitated the start of project construction for the applicant. The terms of the proposed turnkey parkland agreement provide for the reimbursement to the developer of the PDO fees paid in

exchange for the construction of the new park and trail improvements. Reimbursement is eligible upon the execution of the amended and restated parkland agreement for the turnkey construction. Park construction must be completed on or before June 30, 2015.

The North San Jose Area Development Policy and the "Greenprint 2009 Update" recognize that the existing industrial uses in the project area are undergoing transition to residential uses. The City's existing plans and policies call for the orderly development of the area to support high-density residential use, which includes new parks and trail connections to be sited throughout the area. These parks and trails provide relief from the urban environment, and therefore help in creating a livable community. The Coyote Creek Trail Master Plan anticipated connecting the Coyote Creek Trail within the reach along the project site. The Greenprint identified a potential park site along the southerly edge of the project site adjacent to Coyote Creek.

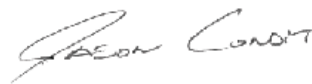
ANALYSIS

The amended and restated turnkey parkland agreement replaces the agreement recently executed in conjunction with Final Tract Map approval. The new agreement establishes the terms for the developer to construct the new 1-acre turnkey park, which has a working title of "Orchard Park", pending completion of the formal park naming process. The turnkey park is to include a park entrance feature, pavilion, central lawn, specimen oak tree, two play areas, seating, and planted areas.

Kelsy Barclay has submitted a nomination of "Orchard Park" which is located at 1633 Oakland Road. The one acre park is will be located on the corner Pear Orchard Drive and Oakland Road along the main entrance to Orchard Park subdivision. Prior to any development on the site in the 1960s, the site was an orchard, making the name Orchard Park a nice tribute to its previous land use. PRNS has confirmed this nomination conforms to the City Policy.

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